## Exhibit 4

Liliana Camara Deposition

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Civil Action No.: 1:18-cv-1046

HUI MINN LEE,	)	
	Plaintiff, )	DEPOSITION
vs.	) )	* C O P Y *
MARKET AMERICA, INC.,	)	
	Defendant., ) )	

## LILIANA CAMARA

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- 1 trainings?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay, and did some of those live, in-
- 4 person trainings happen to be conducted in other
- 5 countries?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. As you sit here today, do you have a
- 8 recollection of what other countries Ms. Lee was
- 9 required to perform live, in-person trainings?
- 10 A. Malaysia and Singapore and Taiwan.
- 11 Q. Was Ms. Lee responsible, to your
- 12 knowledge, for performing live, in-person training
- 13 within the United States?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And what states do you recall that she
- might have to go to to perform those live, in-person
- 17 trainings?
- 18 A. States other than North Carolina, it was
- Monterey, the office that we used to have out in
- Monterey.
- 21 Q. California?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Anywhere else that you can think
- 24 of?
- 25 A. Hmm.



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- 1 Q. Okay. Now, as you sit here today, do you 2 have a recollection of any other primary job
- 3 responsibilities that Ms. Lee had other than
- 4 training?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 O. None?
- 7 A. No recollection. No.
- 8 Q. Was Ms. Lee required to submit any type of
- 9 data compilations to you regarding the training that
- 10 she conducted?
- 11 A. I mean, other than -- we would -- I'm
- 12 fuzzy on this memory. But we would keep sort of
- like a little database or an idea map of what
- everybody was working on or had been working on. So
- maybe like a summary or a list, this is what I'm
- 16 doing, this is what I'm doing. So we would all do
- 17 that.
- 18 Q. Okay, so was Ms. Lee required to submit
- 19 that summary of what she was doing to you on a
- 20 general basis or a daily, regularly, monthly basis?
- 21 A. Maybe at least once a year. If it was
- more than that, it wasn't too often.
- 23 Q. Okay. Was there a time where you required
- Ms. Lee to submit any type of written documentation
- 25 to you about any of her work performance when she



- 1 fine.
- 2 Q. Okay, so I was asking you -- my next
- 3 question was going to be was there a time when Ms.
- 4 Lee was required to conduct training within the
- 5 United States and she failed to do so?
- A. Yes. So that was more of an issue when we
- 7 hired anyone that spoke Mandarin and very little to
- 8 none English. So in that case, she would be asked
- 9 to perform a different -- sort of like the same
- 10 training that was happening in this room, she was
- 11 asked to do it in a different place with the new
- 12 hires that were not bilingual. And she would
- 13 refuse.
- 14 Q. Okay, and when do you recall that
- 15 happening?
- 16 A. So there were two instances that I
- 17 remember very clearly. There may have been more.
- One was when I actually was in charge of that
- 19 unfranchise services training. And two reps sat on
- 20 my training for the entire time, and they were
- 21 eventually falling asleep in the middle of my
- training because they did not understand a word of
- 23 what I was saying. So that was one.
- 24 And then ---

25 Q. --- They didn't understand what you were



- 1 saying?
- 2 A. Yes. Because they didn't speak any
- 3 English.
- 4 Q. So how did that affect Nadine?
- 5 A. Because she refused to do that training
- for them in Mandarin.
- 7 Q. So are you saying because she refused to
- 8 do it, you had to do it, or -- I'm not ---
- 9 A. --- They have to sit in my training, yes.
- 10 Q. Okay, and then go ahead. I'm sorry.
- 11 A. And so that was one.
- 12 And then another one was when a group --
- this was a group, and I don't remember exactly the
- 14 number. But it may have been maybe five reps. And
- all of them were not bilingual.
- 16 So it was a long back-and-forth basically,
- almost until the point that were like, I'm sorry,
- 18 but you are going
- 19 to have to do it, because they really and truly
- don't speak English, so there's nothing we can do.
- 21 But there was a lot of resistance to do
- it. And then we had -- when it finally happened
- that she eventually did the training, we ended up
- having a lot of concerns about how the quality of
- 25 that training was. You know, the performance and



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- 1 the overall quality of the training.
- 2 Q. Okay, and when you say we had concerns
- 3 about the overall quality of the training, who are
- 4 you referring to?
- 5 A. I'm referring to myself and Sherry and
- Brandi, the head of the unfranchise services
- 7 department.
- 8 Q. And did you sit down and talk to Ms. Lee
- 9 about it?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Why not?
- 12 A. Let's see, how do I -- I think that at
- that point, I was taxed with having tried to
- 14 communicate with Nadine in the past, and getting a
- 15 lot of resistance as far as, I'm not going to do
- 16 that, you don't need to know about that. There
- 17 would be -- I would always try to get her involved
- in what the team was doing, or get like decision-
- 19 making.
- 20 And in my leadership style, decisions
- 21 should be a group. You know, as a team, we're going
- 22 to look at the advantages, disadvantages, and decide
- 23 what is best for the team. And I never felt like
- that was her mode of operating.
- 25 So it was whatever she decided to do,



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- 1 that's what she was going to do. And she was doing
- 2 it right, and there was no questions. You know,
- 3 there was no question about that. So that's part of
- 4 it.
- 5 And then, the other part was that the
- 6 person who raised the concern about the quality of
- 7 the training was very adamant. When she raised the
- 8 concern to us, and by us I mean Brandi first, then
- 9 myself. And Brandi and I had a conversation with
- 10 Sherry. She asked please do not share that I was
- 11 the person bringing this up, because I am afraid
- this is going to affect, you know, my work
- 13 environment.
- 14 So we -- I mean, I wasn't going to sit
- down with Nadine and say, oh, this person is saying
- 16 -- is raising concerns about the content and the
- 17 quality and what's happening. Because we had agreed
- 18 to respect that person's request or desire of not,
- 19 you know -- or whatever she was saying to not be
- 20 discussed out in the open.
- Q. When did this occur?
- 22 A. I am really fuzzy on those dates. But it
- 23 was -- it was that last training. Then there has to
- be documentation on when that last training
- happened.



- 1 Q. So, then, we agree that it could not have
- 2 happened after 2016?
- 3 A. I am -- I really don't remember. I'm very
- 4 fuzzy on the specific dates.
- 5 Q. Okay, but what you do recall and what
- 6 you're certain of is that Colbert was Ms. Lee's
- 7 manager at the time this incident occurred.
- 8 Correct?
- 9 A. So Colbert started -- let's see. I came
- in November of 2013.
- 11 Q. Uh-huh.
- 12 A. And then for a while, and I don't remember
- 13 how long that while was, we did not really had a
- 14 head of training. Because Amanda wasn't replaced
- immediately. But then a few months later, and I
- 16 wish I could remember when that was, Colbert came
- 17 in.
- 18 Q. Okay. Let me just hand you this document,
- it might help to refresh your recollection about
- when everything happened. Okay?
- 21 What I'm handing you is the Declaration of
- 22 Liliana Camara. And it is -- it has been marked ---
- 23 A. --- Oh, this one from a while ago. Okay.
- Never mind.

Is this the thing you asked me at the



- 1 Q. Who had access to see it?
- 2 A. I mean, the company has access to all of
- 3 our emails, so....
- 4 Q. Well, what I don't understand from you, as
- 5 a supervisor, Nadine's supervisor specifically, are
- 6 you saying to me that rather than speak to Ms. Lee
- 7 or document what she wasn't doing and sharing it
- 8 with, say, human resources, you just decided to keep
- 9 a separate folder just in case you might need it at
- some point in the future?
- 11 A. No. No. That's not what I said.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. So we did actually -- so I did talk to
- 14 Nadine several times about can we work together, can
- 15 we work as a team, can we agree -- you know, kind of
- 16 -- I would reach out to her several times. And I
- will explain to her, I don't understand why you're
- 18 refusing to conduct these trainings in Mandarin if
- 19 they do not speak English.
- 20 And the answer would always be the same.
- 21 Well, no, because that -- I'm not doing those
- 22 trainings. You know like it will be that refusal.
- 23 We will talk about it with Colbert, of course. We
- 24 will talk about it after. I did talk about it with
- 25 Sherry.



1	But it was very I did complain to
2	Nadine that I did not feel I was getting the
3	teamwork environment that I was hoping for. That
4	she in a lot of ways I felt like she was imposing
5	her will on what she was going to do and wasn't
6	going to do, and that I did not want to run the
7	training department in that way. But nothing change
8	anyway. So I did talk to her several times.
9	Q. Uh-huh. So when you talked to Nadine, did
10	you ever give her a written reprimand for poor job
11	performance?
12	A. Not that I remember.
13	Q. Did you ever give her a written reprimand
14	for insubordination?
15	A. No.
16	Q. Did you ever go to Sherry and instruct
17	Sherry or discuss with Sherry your need to issue a
18	written reprimand to Nadine?
19	A. No.
20	Q. For any reason, you never spoke to Sherry
21	about Nadine's job performance until you decided to
22	terminate her. Correct?
23	A. Oh no, no, no. We did talk about it.
24	I just didn't say here's what I need to do, or do I
25	reprimand or write her or anything like that.



- But it was very -- it was like a known

  issue that Nadine would impose whatever she decided
- 3 that she was going to do. It was a known issue for
- 4 all of us that worked with her.
- 5 Q. Uh-huh.
- A. And so I did talk about it with Sherry,
- 7 with Colbert, even with Amanda.
- Because just as an example, the first day
- 9 on my job when I was introduced to the group, Amanda
- discussed, okay, here's how we're going to do this.
- Here's how we're going to divide up the workload.
- 12 And Nadine, in front of the entire group, refused
- and challenged Amanda and said I'm not going to do
- 14 that.
- 15 And so we had to end the meeting with
- 16 Amanda saying, okay, Nadine, you and I are going to
- discuss this, and then we'll get back to the group.
- 18 So it was always like that.
- 19 So I'm not going to do that, I don't
- 20 agree. I'm not going to do it. This is what I'm
- 21 going to do, and that's it. So it was -- that was
- the sense always.
- Q. That was your sense always. Correct?
- 24 A. Yes.

Q. And a sense that you never really shared



1	Because with I mean, it was super
2	taxing. And I would try to put myself in her shoes
3	as much as I could. I mean, like I would be like if
4	I had been doing this for 17 years, I would be
5	wanting to not do it either. You know what I mean?
6	So it wasn't so tolerating to me was,
7	to a degree, you know, that tolerance ended at some
8	point. But it was because I understood the human
9	aspect of, man, you've been doing this for too long.
10	And it was almost like an inside joke
11	whenever we were doing that training, my husbands
12	knew to not even talk to us when we got home because
13	we were taxed.
14	And so it was a little bit of me trying to
15	be understanding of Nadine's history, and respecting
16	the fact that she had been there for a long time,
17	doing it mostly by herself. So she was sick and
18	tired of it.
19	Q. So your testimony is that you overlooked
20	what you thought were issues regarding Nadine's job
21	performance because you were looking at the human
22	aspect of what Nadine was going through?
23	A. Yes. That was a part of it, yes.
24	Q. And in doing so you ultimately decided to
25	fire her, though, didn't you?

1	A. No. That's not how I would put it. When
2	the decision at the end was you keep refusing to do
3	a thing that makes sense for you to do. You're the
4	only one that speaks that language in this
5	department. Right?
6	So you keep refusing to do it, and it's
7	pulling teeth, and it's taking so much effort to
8	finally almost having to tell you whether you're
9	wanting to do it or not, you are going to do it.
10	Which is not the management style I like. I like to
11	work with people, not bark orders and say because I
12	say so. Right?
13	But it eventually ended up with this
14	particular last training, it eventually ended up
15	being the case. Because I'm not going to have five
16	people sitting in a training that do not speak
17	English. You know, it's just ridiculous.
18	And then, at the end, you're doing it, and
19	you're doing it poorly. So we've tried. We've
20	given you enough chances to reconsider your attitude
21	and work with us as a team. And you're still not
22	doing it, so we don't see another option.
23	Q. Well, when you said you've given her
24	enough chances, you never told her that she was in
2.5	ieopardy of losing her job because she was not doing

- 1 it or performing it properly. Correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. So when you say you've given her enough
- 4 chances, what are you talking about?
- 5 A. Pointing out that we needed her to do
- 6 this, that it makes sense for her to do this. That
- 7 I complained several times directly to her, can you
- 8 be a team player. I need a team. We're not going
- 9 to be able to deliver all of this workload if we
- 10 don't work as a team.
- 11 Q. What kind of job repercussions did you
- 12 suffer because of Nadine's deficiency in terms of
- 13 performing training?
- 14 A. We -- I knew that the unfranchised
- 15 services reps that were not being trained in English
- were doing a poor job at their job, at their job,
- because they were not trained properly.
- 18 Q. And so how did that affect your department
- or how did that affect you?
- 20 A. It affected the quality of what we did.
- 21 We were supposed to deliver these reps ready to take
- calls and answer the customer's questions. And they
- were not equipped to do that because their training
- 24 did not happen optimally.
- Q. And how many people are you talking about?



- 1 A. At least the two that I talked about
- before. And then the other five. And I can't
- 3 recall the exact number. But it was either five or
- 4 six.
- 5 Q. So are you telling me that Nadine's,
- quote, poor job performance affected up to seven
- 7 people in the department?
- 8 A. So seven people in the unfranchised
- 9 services department.
- 10 Q. Uh-huh.
- 11 A. And then on our end, particular in our
- department, it'll be that whatever she refused to
- do, then we'll have to do it. And there was a huge
- 14 project that we undertake at some point of creating
- 15 like a data -- like a learning management system, a
- Wiki type documenting platform for all of the
- training, documenting everything training-wise.
- 18 And so we needed the entire team to work
- 19 on that project. It was a huge project. And Nadine
- 20 refused to work on it.
- So whatever, you know, could have been her
- thing to do, it was, Henri, you do it, Abby, you do
- it. Somebody else do it, because I'm not going to
- 24 do that.

Q. Now, you're saying she refused to work on



- 1 A. Yes. Yes.
- 2 Q. Not the university?
- 3 A. No, no, no.
- 4 Q. All right, and then, in number four, you
- 5 say Nadine Lee was a staff member of the corporate
- 6 training group when you joined the company.
- 7 A. Uh-huh.
- 8 Q. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Nadine was in a management position when
- 11 you joined the company, wasn't she? Or do you know?
- 12 A. That I know. So the manager from that
- team, when I was hired, was Amanda. And then Amanda
- had Nadine and Sherry under her. And it was my
- 15 understanding that they were both in the same level
- and reported to Amanda, and that was it.
- 17 Q. All right. Let's go to the second page of
- 18 your declaration and look at paragraph six. I
- 19 championed a number of initiatives in an effort to
- 20 streamline the corporate training program. For
- 21 example, I decided that the corporate training group
- 22 would transition from Microsoft Office to a
- 23 Microsoft program known as Confluence. Confluence
- promoted team collaboration, Nadine objected and
- refused to learn or work with the tool.



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- 1 A. The way I would say it affected me was 2 that I was not being able to produce from the
- 3 training department what I wanted to produce.
- 4 A cohesive -- like in that particular
- 5 example, in that very specific example. I wanted
- for that tool to house everything that we were doing
- 7 on training. And that was going to include all of
- 8 the content in English, content in Spanish, content
- 9 in Mandarin.
- 10 So like right off the bat the Mandarin
- 11 content wasn't going to happen because she was not
- going to upload it, and she was not going to do it.
- 13 So it was going to be incomplete. So I felt like
- 14 what I was delivering as a whole department wasn't
- 15 happening because of that. In that sense, yes.
- 16 Q. And you did what about it?
- 17 A. I did not document it, if that's what
- 18 you're asking. No, I did not.
- 19 Q. What did you do about it?
- 20 A. I would discuss it.
- Q. With whom?
- 22 A. With Nadine, with Colbert and with Sherry.
- Q. And that's it?
- 24 A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Going down to paragraph seven, you



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1	your knowledge on what was happening, all you knew
2	was this little part here. And I didn't think that
3	was a good use of our human potential in the
4	department.
5	Q. Who else was able to conduct Mandarin
6	training?
7	A. Nobody.
8	Q. Just Nadine. Correct?
9	A. Uh-huh.
LO	MS. DEBOARD: Was that a yes?
L1	THE WITNESS: Yes. Sorry.
12	Q. (Ms. Gray) You say Nadine objected to
L3	this, claiming that she was the only expert in
L 4	certain aspects of the company, and that she would
15	only allow another trainer to conduct her trainings
L 6	every once in a while, as long as she could monitor
L 7	the training, and only her materials were used.
L 8	Do you see that?
L 9	A. Uh-huh.
20	Q. You agree that Nadine was the only expert
21	in Mandarin training for the company. Correct?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. And up until the time that you came in as
24	Nadine's manager, Nadine was the one who was
25	responsible for preparing all of the materials



1	Q. (Ms. Gray) Okay. Now, before we stopped,
2	we were talking about paragraph number 11 on your
3	declaration. And you said simply stated, Nadine did
4	not accept the new vision of the corporate training
5	group.
6	Do you see that?
7	A. Uh-huh.
8	Q. Did you ever document, in terms of an
9	email to your staff or any type of a newsletter or
LO	an announcement, what your new vision was for
11	corporate training for the corporate training
12	group?
13	A. Written? No, that I remember.
L 4	Q. Right.
L5	So any announcement that you would have
L 6	made did not come in the form of something written
L7	that would have been disseminated throughout the
L 8	company. Is that correct?
L 9	A. Correct.
20	Q. So then, the only evidence you have of
21	what your new vision for the corporate training
22	group was would have been a verbal announcement or a
23	statement to the members of that staff. Correct?
24	A. Correct.
25	Q. Did you collectively meet as a group



1	together at once to talk about your new group
2	vision?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. When was that?
5	A. When we talked about it, when we when
6	Colbert left. We had two meetings. We had one
7	meeting as a team. I mean team, I mean Nadine,
8	Cherri, Henri, Abby and myself.
9	And then, we had basically the same
10	meeting with Sherry. Because Sherry wanted to get
11	more acquainted with what the training department
12	was doing since Colbert never really got replaced in
13	terms of because Colbert used to report to Mark.
14	And so, when I this was so after
15	Colbert left, I was going to be promoted as managing
16	the department, but reporting to Sherry. So it was
17	almost like Sherry was going to be the new Colbert,
18	but Sherry didn't know what Colbert did or didn't
19	do, a lot of what Colbert did. So she needed to
20	know exactly what we were all working on and were
21	going to do.
22	So we had that second meeting, and we
23	basically went over the same thing that we had
24	already discussed without Sherry.
25	Q. Are you aware that there was a job

responsibilities meeting in September of 2016? 1 2 And that was the one that was held by 3 Colbert. 4 Α. 2016? Yeah. I mean, we had several 5 meetings. I cannot say that I remember that one 6 specifically. 7 But was that the meeting where Colbert 8 talked about what she did and what the transition 9 was going to look like with her being gone? 10 September of 2016? Α. 11 Ο. Yes. But she left in ---12 Α. 13 Q. --- November. 14 Oh. So yes. So then, there must have Α. 15 been one before she left, yes. 16 And then, was there also a meeting in Ο. 17 January of 2017 where Sherry was present? 18 Α. Yes. 19 And during that meeting, isn't it true Ο. 20 that you all discussed the job responsibilities for 21 the individuals in the corporate training group? 22 Α. Yes. 2.3 And do you have a recollection of what job Q. 24 responsibilities were assigned to Nadine? 25 Α. So yes. Basically the same -- the same

1	that we have been doing it was almost like
2	nothing big changed after Colbert left in terms of
3	what we were doing, the way we were operating.
4	Right.
5	So Nadine was going to be in charge of
6	anything that had to do with Mandarin or Asian
7	country markets. And whatever else she was doing
8	before, it was going to continue to be the same,
9	with one exception probably. Well, two exceptions.
10	The new sort of new thing, that was Confluence.
11	That was going to be something that was not
12	happening before.
13	And then, I also had a suggestion, and
14	that's what maybe point seven where there was
15	training, the MPCP training that was done for new
16	hires in the company in general. That was in a
17	training that was a big, huge spider web the
18	training department did in general. Because, again,
19	the bulk of it was unfranchise services, the reps.
20	But we did need for the whole company, our
21	employees, to know high-level idea of what the
22	company was about. And so Nadine was in charge of
23	doing that training solely before, entirely. That
24	was her training.
25	And I saw an opportunity for growth for



1	all of us, actually, in the department to deliver
2	that training. So that was the only suggestion. So
3	other than Confluence and that change, nothing else
4	changed.
5	Q. Okay. Now, let me ask you about the
6	cross-training. What was the ultimate result of
7	your cross-training vision within the department?
8	A. So a couple of things. So what I talked
9	about before, where if somebody was caught up with a
10	project and that training needed to happen, other
11	people could do it. That was one.
12	With the MPCP, specifically so the
13	company, as I've mentioned before, has two big
14	conferences a year. And there's a lot of prepping
15	that goes on that. It's about, I don't know, two or
16	three months before those conferences, a lot of
17	people put aside whatever they're doing, and they
18	only work on those things.
19	So in training we have to at the same time
20	be prepared to deliver trainings for those new
21	programs as soon as they came up. And so for us to
22	be able to get screenshots or material on what those
23	programs were, because they were happening so
24	quickly, it was better to have connections in the

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company to know who does what.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Just you and Sherry?
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. And did you go to Sherry and tell her that
- 5 you were planning to terminate Nadine?
- A. No. I think this was a decision that both
- 7 of us ended up concluding at the end of a meeting.
- 8 Q. When was that meeting?
- 9 A. I cannot remember that. It wasn't too far
- 10 from the actual termination date.
- 11 Q. So did you go to Sherry and say you're
- thinking about terminating Nadine, or was it vice
- versa, or how did it -- how did this meeting come
- 14 about?
- 15 A. We had several -- Sherry and I had several
- 16 conversations about the concerns we had with
- Nadine's attitude. And given that it had been so
- 18 consistent, and given that she had refused or
- 19 challenged the authority of her last three managers,
- 20 myself included, we concluded that it was in the --
- 21 the best interest for the company was to not have
- 22 Nadine in the team.
- Q. Okay, and you and Sherry made that
- 24 decision?
- 25 A. Yes.



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- 1 Q. And who communicated the decision to
- 2 Nadine?
- 3 A. I did.
- 4 Q. How did you do that?
- 5 A. In a meeting at Sherry's office.
- 6 Q. Okay. How did you set the meeting up?
- 7 A. I was in Sherry's office, and Sherry
- 8 called Nadine at her cubicle and asked her to come
- 9 to the office.
- 10 Q. And once she came to the office, what was
- 11 said?
- 12 A. I don't remember exactly. But I
- communicated to Nadine that we have reached the
- decision to let her go because of issues with her
- 15 performance.
- 16 Q. Issues with her performance? Job
- 17 performance?
- 18 A. Yes.

- 19 Q. And that's what you told her?
- 20 A. Well, so my -- the core of my argument was
- 21 that Nadine was not being a team player, basically.
- 22 That we were having a lot of trouble getting her to
- work as a part of the team. That she was just doing
- 24 whatever she decided she was going to do, and that
- 25 was it. And that we could not continue to operate



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- the team -- the training team under those
- 2 circumstances.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, I asked you earlier if you had
- 4 given Nadine any verbal warnings about her job
- 5 performance. And I believe your answer was no. Is
- 6 that correct?
- 7 A. Uh-huh. Correct.
- 8 Q. Okay. Are you aware that the company has
- 9 an employee handbook that contains policies related
- 10 to various aspects of the job, including policies
- that pertain to disciplining an employee other than
- 12 dismissal?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. You never knew about these policies?
- 15 A. I don't remember reviewing them, no.
- 16 Q. Did you have any training on the policies?
- 17 A. I received a handbook, and I should have
- read as much as I could when I was first hired. But
- 19 that was it.
- 20 Q. Okay. I have been provided documents by
- 21 the company that are Bates stamped MA725 through
- 22 740. And these are the employee policies that I'm
- 23 referring to.

- And according to their employee policies,
- verbal warnings, although they are verbal in nature,



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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. And to your knowledge, Sherry never
- 3 provided any type of written warning to Nadine.
- 4 Correct?
- 5 A. Correct.
- Q. And as you sit here today, you would agree
- 7 with me that you've never produced any such a
- 8 writing that would have been included in Nadine's
- 9 personnel file. Correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And to your knowledge, did Sherry ever
- 12 produce any written warning that would have been
- included in Nadine's personnel file?
- A. Not that I know of.
- 15 Q. At the time that you terminated Nadine,
- 16 you indicated that you replaced her with Rose. Is
- 17 that true?
- A. Uh-huh.
- MS. DEBOARD: Is that a yes?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 Q. (Ms. Gray) Why did you replace her with
- 22 Rose?

- 23 A. So during Rose's training -- so first of
- 24 all, Rose was bilingual. And finding a Mandarin and
- 25 English combination of bilingual person around here



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- 1 is not that easy. That was a huge advantage.
- 2 And during Rose's training, she displayed
- 3 a great amount of work ethic, interest in the job,
- 4 interest in learning. In fact, she asked -- we
- 5 never asked her to attend meetings, training,
- 6 because she was having that training in English. So
- 7 we didn't deem it necessary.
- 8 But she asked Brandi for permission to
- 9 attend that training so she could get more of what
- she was already being trained on, right. The more
- 11 exposure, the more she could learn.
- 12 And then, when she was attending that
- training, she realized, oh, they're reviewing
- 14 material that has screenshots that are not updated.
- 15 Some of the things that are being said here conflict
- 16 with the other thing that I'm learning in that
- 17 training.
- 18 And so she displayed a great interest in
- 19 properly learning the job duties and being
- 20 proactive.
- 21 Q. Okay, so at the time that Nadine was
- terminated, her title was global training projects
- 23 manager. Correct?
- A. Correct.

25 Q. And are you telling me that you hired Rose



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- 1 to a management position to take Nadine's place?
- 2 A. So Rose was not going to take the complete
- 3 -- so Rose was not going to take the complete
- 4 portfolio of what Nadine was doing. It was going to
- 5 be mainly -- and Nadine had experience -- I mean,
- 6 Rose had experience as an instructor. I believe she
- 7 had been -- she had had a teaching position in
- 8 China, if I remember correctly. So she was trained
- 9 as a trainer.
- 10 And so she was not going to take -- at
- least to begin with, it was not going to be one
- 12 hundred percent of what Nadine did.
- 13 Q. So you agree with me that Rose was not
- 14 hired to take Nadine's position as the global
- training projects manager?
- 16 MS. DEBOARD: Objection to form.
- 17 Q. (Ms. Gray) Correct?
- 18 MS. DEBOARD: Objection to form. You
- 19 can answer.
- 20 THE WITNESS: She was not given the
- 21 exact same title, no.
- 22 Q. (Ms. Gray) And you would agree with me
- that the training Rose received prior to taking
- Nadine's job was training that she received from
- 25 Nadine?



- 1 Q. Just you made that decision. Correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What portion of Nadine's job was assigned
- 4 to Rose?
- 5 A. I would say -- so it gets tricky because
- 6 since Nadine was refusing to work on Confluence, I
- 7 cannot count that as part of her job, because she
- 8 wasn't doing it.
- 9 But from what she was doing, I would say
- 10 70 to 80 percent what got transferred to Rose.
- 11 Q. Seventy to 80 percent of what Nadine had
- been doing was transferred to Rose?
- 13 A. Uh-huh. Yes.
- Q. Are you sure about that?
- 15 A. From the recollection I have today, yes.
- Q. Did you interview anyone for -- to take
- 17 Nadine's position?
- 18 A. We interviewed Rose.
- 19 Q. When you say we, who do you mean?
- 20 A. Brandi, Sherry and I.
- Q. Was the position posted?
- 22 A. I do not remember.
- 23 Q. Did you receive applications for the
- 24 position?

A. I don't remember.



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- 1 application?
- 2 A. Uh-huh.
- 3 Q. So at the time that you made the decision
- 4 to hire Rose in the position, what did you know
- 5 about her job performance or her background, other
- 6 than what you saw in terms of her working under your
- 7 supervision?
- 8 A. She had experience in instruction,
- 9 teaching ---
- 10 Q. --- You saw her -- you saw this. Is that
- 11 what you're saying?
- 12 You observed her having ---
- 13 A. --- No. From her background.
- Q. Okay. Listen to my question. All right?
- 15 You said you don't recall if you saw the
- application before you hired her. Correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- Q. So let's talk about the things you do
- 19 know. And that is in terms of what you observed
- 20 from Rose.

- 21 A. Yes. In terms of what I observed from
- Rose was her work ethic, her way of being super
- proactive to learn more things, to make sure that
- she understood entirely what she's supposed -- she
- was supposed to know, to go above and beyond what



- 1 she was asked.
- 2 And I did talk to her at some point about
- 3 her teaching experience. So I knew that. And she
- 4 did share with me something that I don't see listed
- 5 there, which was teaching in China. So I don't know
- 6 if I saw that in there or not.
- 7 Q. Uh-huh.
- 8 A. But we did talk about that. So I knew she
- 9 had that experience.
- 10 Q. Okay. Anything else?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Now, this job application that Rose
- 13 submitted to Market America was for a position that
- she was applying for called the unfranchised
- 15 services representative. Are you aware of that?
- 16 A. That ---
- 17 O. --- Yes.
- 18 A. --- Application?
- 19 Q. Yes.

- 20 A. Oh. No, that -- I mean, I didn't know
- 21 that was the application for unfranchise services.
- 22 Q. Are you aware that that was the position
- she applied for when she started, first started ---
- 24 A. --- When she started, yes.
- 25 Q. --- At Market America?



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